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FOR STATE AND LABOR

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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS (ACTU)

PRESIDENT HAWKE DISCUSSES PAPUA-NEW GUINEA.

1. LABATT CALLED ON ACTU PRESIDENT ROBERT HAWKE ON OCTOBER 2, KEEPING APPOINTMENT MADE 10 DAYS AGO TO DISCUSS PAPUA-NEW GUINEA (PNG). HAWKE ADVISED LABATT THAT IT WOULD BE INADVISABLE NOW FOR AMERICAN TRADE UNIONS TO CONSIDER PROJECTS SPONSORED BY AFL-CIO ASIAN-AMERICAN FREE LABOR INSTITUTE KAAFLI); HE SUGGESTS DELAY FOR 12 TO 18 MONTHS. LABATT HAD DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY SUCH PROJECT WITH APPROPRIATE SECTIONS AT DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND LBAOR AND WITH AFL-CIO OFFICERS CONCERNED DURING HOME LEAVE IN MAY. HOWEVER, HAWKE THINKS IT URGENT FOR LABATT TO VISIT PNG AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND VOLUNTEERED ASSISTANCE. HE WILL WELCOME FURTHER INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AFTER SUCH SURVEY.

2. COMMENT: IN SPITE OF RECENTLY AIRED DIFFERENCES

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BETWEEN CHIEF MINISTER MICHAEL SOMARE OF PNG AND

AUSTRALIAN TRADE UNION MOVEMENT, HAWKE CLAIMS TO BE STILL CLOSE FRIENDS OF SOMARE. APPARENTLY SOMARE'S REMARKS WERE ADDRESSED TO AUSTRALIAN COMMUNIST-COMINATED UNIONS, SUCH AS SEAMEN'S AND WATERSIDE WORKERS', WHICH ARE GROSSLY INTERFERING WITH EMERGING TRADE UNION MOVEMENT IN HIS COUNTRY. HAWKE IS PROBABLY CORRECT THAT IN PERIOD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PNG INDEPENDENCE IN DECEMBER 1973, SOMARE WILL NOT HAVE TIME TO DEVOTE TO DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE UNION MOVEMENT ALTHOUGH HE GIVES THIS HIGH PRIORITY.  
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